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WASHINGTON, August 13, 1992 -- Rail carloadings fell from year earlier levels during the week ended August 8, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of economics and finance for the AAR noted, "This marks the fifth consecutive week that carloadings have declined. However, intermodal traffic continues to outperform 1991 levels."

During the week ended August 8, railroads reported 326,195 carloadings, down 3.1 percent from the comparable 1991 week. Loadings were down 3.9 percent in the West, and down 2.3 percent in the East.

Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 131,978 trailers and containers, up 7.9 percent from last year. The AAR estimated total freight traffic at 20.5 billion ton-miles, down 1.9 percent from the comparable 1991 week.

For the first 32 weeks of 1992, rail carloadings totaled 10,256,634, up 1.6 percent from the comparable period of 1991. Intermodal volume totaled 3,976,953 containers and trailers, up 7.8 percent. Ton-miles were estimated at 646.1 billion, up 3.6 percent from 1991's first 32 weeks.

Railroads reporting to the AAR account for 94 percent of carloadings and 97 percent of intermodal traffic.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,221	27,215	-7.3 %	25,543	-1.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,015	839	21.0	1,078	-5.8
Metallic Ores	18,577	19,759	-6.0	17,681	5.1
Coal	124,917	134,770	-7.3	121,215	3.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,526	15,189	2.2	16,738	-7.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,212	9,928	-7.2	8,276	11.3
Grain Mill Products	10,554	10,139	4.1	9,760	8.1
Food & Kindred Products	9,354	9,229	1.4	9,139	2.4
Primary Forest Products	9,175	8,784	4.5	9,623	-4.7
Lumber & Wood Products	5,345	5,203	2.7	6,273	-14.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,346	10,402	-0.5	10,782	-4.0
Chemicals	27,383	27,123	1.0	28,324	-3.3
Petroleum Products	6,317	5,630	12.2	5,799	8.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,933	9,917	0.2	9,615	3.3
Coke	5,799	5,238	10.7	5,534	4.8
Metals & Products	8,783	9,511	-7.7	10,094	-13.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	13,440	12,760	5.3	11,110	21.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,265	7,831	5.5	8,519	-3.0
All Other Carloads	7,033	7,157	-1.7	7,750	-9.3
Total	**326,195**	**336,624**	**-3.1 %**	**322,853**	**1.0 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 32 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 8, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	326,195	336,624	-3.1 %	10,256,634	10,097,147	1.6 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,529	61,570	6.4	1,967,453	1,899,912	3.6
Containers	66,449	60,747	9.4	2,009,500	1,789,808	12.3
Total	131,978	122,317	7.9	3,976,953	3,689,720	7.8
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.5	20.9	-1.9 %	646.1	623.8	3.6 %

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